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1. TURKISH BASKET II CHIEF (AMB KIRCA) INFORMS US THAT AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH USSR DELEGATION THE NOW CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON FORMULA TO DEAL WITH "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN EUROPE" ISSUE. TEXT WOULD BE SUBSTITUE FOR EARLIER PROPOSAL TURKS MADE WITH NATO SUPPORT IN COMMITTEE II, (GENEVA A-254) AND WHICH BEGAN AS FOLLOWS: "MINDFUL OF THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REGIONS THROUGHTOUT THE WORLD, INCLUDING THOSE IN EUROPE" AND SUBSTITE "INCLUDING THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND REGIONS IN EUROPE". (THE REST OF THE TEXT WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED) TURKS SAY USSR AT MOMENT FAVORS SLIGHTLY DIFFERNET TEXT, BUT HAS CLEARLY IMPLIED IT WOULD BE WILLING GO ALONG WITH NEW TEXT IN FINAL
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NEGOTIATIONS. (TEXT USSR NOW ADVOCATES WOULD REFER

TO "THOSE OF THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND REGIONS OF EUROPE" WITH "THOSE" REFERRING BACK TO "INTERESTS".) USSR WOULD EXPLAIN WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT NEW TEXT (BUT NOT EARLIER ONE) ON BYZANTINE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD NOT ANTAGONIZE GROUP OF 77 WHICH CONSIDERS IT REPRESENTS ALL "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES," BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALL "LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES". TURKS HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH OTHER CSCE PARTICIPANTS WHICH CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES-MALTA, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, GREECE-AND ALL SUPPORT NEW FORMULA.

2. TURKS REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIANS ARE HIGHLY DISSATISFIED WITH NEW FORMULATION, SINCE IT CLEAR USSR DOES NOT CONSIDER TERM "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN EUROPE" WOULD INCLUDE ROMANIS, AND THERE IS SOME LEGISLATIVE HISTOR IN ECE CONCERNING TERMS "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES". WHICH UNFAVORABLE TO ROMANISNS. TURKS REGRET THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT FORMULA THAT WOULD SATISFY ROMANIA BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THEY COULD REJECT PRESENT FORMULA WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, IS REASONABLE AND MEETS THEIR NEEDS. THEY CONSIDER THAT SUPPORTING ROMAIA ON THIS ISSUE BY REJECTING ABOVE FORMULA WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PROVOCATION BY USSR AND AS EFFORT ON NEW FORMULA IN BASKET II PREAMBLE WOULD IN TURKISH VIEW OBVIATE NEED FOR ANY OTHER REFERENCE TO ISSUE ELSEWHERE IN BASKET II TEXTS).

3. KIRCA ASKED US REACTION TO PROPOSED FORMULA. WE REPLIED WE WOULD WANT TO CONSIDER ROMANIAN ASPECT BEFORE TAKING DECISION BUT THAT ON SUBSTANCE WE CONSIDER NEW FORMUAL TO BE EQUIVALENT TO PREVIOUS TURKISH FORMULA WHICH WE SUPPORTED AND ASSUME THAT IF BULK OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN CSCE CAN ACCEPT IT, WE COULD TOO. WE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED NEW TURKISH FORMULATION WITH ROMANIAN BASKET II REP. HE CONFIRMED THAT NEW TEXT IS PRESENTLY UNACCEPTABLE TO ROMANIA, AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD OUT FOR EARLIER TURKISH VERSION. WE TOLD ROMANIAN REP THAT WE COULD SEE NO GROUNDS FOR OPPOSING NEW VERSION IF GREAT MAJORITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF DEVELOPING COUNTIRES IN CSCE CAN ACCEPT IT. MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED IN BASKET II NATO CAUCUS DECEMBER 4, AND UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE WILL INDICATE THEN THAT WE CAN ACCEPT IT. WHEN MATTER COMES UP IN COMMITTEE WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING NEW TURKISH TEXT UNTIL ROMANIANS ARE PREPARED TO GO ALONG. DALE

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